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THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN would be pleased to receive the addresses of Sanators. Representatives, and others returning to the

The Commissioner of Pensions. Attention is invited to the large space allotted in this issue for explanations concerning the deeds of omission and commisclop of Commissioner Black, of pension horeau fame.

It can be truly said that of all the presidential appointments outside of the Cabinet, Gen. Black has received more atten tion than any other person from the press of America during his short official life. To look upon, the general impresses you as a strong, handsome, intellectual, brave man. Such a combination should produce a just men, and would do so were he not a bitter

The NATIONAL REPUBLICAN hopes to set the general a good example by treating him

In the case of the litter signed by John C. Black, commissioner, under date of Nov. 23, 1886, addressed to C. D. Pennebaker & Son, attorneys, of this city, the following words were used: "You are to formed that the claim filed by you June 21, 1886, was rejected without examination."

The letter should have had one more word: It would have then read-without a medical examination. This error is explained by a very worthy lady clerk in the office by the following letter, addressed to the commissioner:

Sin: I seknowledge myself the writer of the seconoranying letter, and am truly sorry that, office and more especially on you as the head be taken by me to prevent a recurrence of er-rers. Very respectfully, S. J. NEAL.

We also publish, for a fuller explanation, the following letter of Fred, Mack, the chief of the eastern division of the Pension

[Cert. Mc,cop-Martin Kelley, Co. 1, a7 N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, PERSON Office, Washington, D. C., Nov. 30, 1886.— CEN, JOHN C. Black, Commissioner—Sir: In the matter of the above cutified claim, I have the hence to report that the soldier was pen-sioned Jan. 25, 18-4, at the rate of two (\$2) per month from the date of his discharge for gun-shot wound of the neck, upon the certificates of Dr. A. M. Smith, examining surgeon at Pittafield, Mass., and the Springfield, Mass., board. He filed a claim for increase through Samuel Erskine, of this city, March 7, 1881, which, after an examination by the Springfield, Mars., toard, was rejected May 13, 1884. Sept. 30, 1885, he filed another claim for in-ercase through C. D. Pennebaker & Son, of this eity, which, after an examination by the board urreons at Pittsfield, Mass., was admitted at four (\$4) dollars per month from Nov. 18, 1885—the date of the certificate of the board of surgeons. It may be proper to state in this connection that the board did not recommend

June 21, 1886, he filed a third application for increase through C. D. Pennebaker & Son which was rejected without a medical examimation July 7, 1886, and a circular, of which the accompanying is a copy, was sent to the attorneys and claimant. Oct. 8, 1886, Penne-Eaker filed a slip asking the condition of the claim, and on Nov. 25, 1880, the inclosed letter was written by Mrs. S. J. Neal, in which the name of the claimant and the words "a med were emitted. The letter should have

been written substantially as follows:

'In cepty to your inquiry relative to the claim for increase pension (Cert. No. 256,690) of Martin Kelley, Company I, 57 New York volunteers, I have to state that said claim was rejected without a medical examination July 7, 1819, and both yourseives and the claimant were so advised on that date.

"No evidence has been filed since that time thrwing or tending to show that injustice was done by the action allowe indicated and no al-legation of injustice has been made by him or yourselves." Very respectfully, Price. Mack.

Chief Eastern Division

ment of Potomac, and the by all who know him.

Frank A. Butts,

Frank A. Butts, In order further to give our readers the Chief of Army and Navy Survivors' Division, benefit of both sides of another case which In this connection we print the following we have permitted correspondents to critiprotest from a gentleman of the highest cise in the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, We respectability connected with the press of print a communication from Frank A. a metropolitan city, which speaks for itself. Butts, chief of the army and navy survivors' It may be proper to add that the words division: "physical wreck" are quotations from the

DIFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., DOC. I, 1880.—
EDITOR NATIONAL REPUBLICAN.—SET Two for increased pension, and therefore is communications have appeared in recent is sues of your paper criticising the action of the pension office in regard to the case of John K. Ladd, a veteran of the Mexican war and of the war of the rebellion. I have read these communications with some interest, and feeling convinced, from my personal knowledge of pension matters, that there was something crooked in the case named, I placed the communications in the hands of Gen. Black, com missioner of pensions, who at once di-rected me to draw the case, examine it carefully, and find out all the facts therein. I submit the following as ic carefully, and find out all the facts therein. I submit the following as the result of my investigation: The first point to be noticed in that the report of the special examiner, upon which pensioner's name was dropped from the rolls, bears the date of Jan. 2, 186. This report was approved in the special examination division and the case forests examination division and the case forests examination division and the case forests examination division was consigned, and in due time as the papers were properly approved. In this connection it must be remembered that although the papers approved that although the papers approving the final action in the case are signed.

office that Gen. Black, during his in-cumbency, has done quite as much for the soldier element as his predecessor, my personal friend, Gen. Dudley did. Why by the present deputy commissioner of pendens, who was acting commissioner at that date—July 10, 1885—said final action was taken in the case, upon the recommendation of the special examiner, indered by the S. E. division and board of review, one menth before Gen. Black had filed oath of office as commissioner of pensions. Upon examining the case I find that Luid's pension was grapted for chronic rheumatism, as set forth in his original declaration, and said to forth in his original declaration, and said to have been contracted while serving as a private in company D. 64th New York Voluntaers. His right to pension remained unquestioned until November, 1862, when two letters were addressed to Col. W. W. Dudley, then commissioner of pensions—one by Mordeeal Ladd, brother of the pensioner, the second by Albert Preston, a brother in-law. Very soon after the receipt of these letters, which remained until the Co. S. Miller, senior vice commander of oticed, C. S. Miller, senior vice commander of noticed, C. S. Miller, senior vice commander of Fost LE, G. A. R., at Abany, N. Y., in behalf of "over twenty comrades," wrote to Col. Dudley, making certain statements as to peosioner's general dishonesty and earnestly requesting him to take action in regard to the same; and shally, upon the receipt of still another letter written by said Miller, and indersed by the commander and several comrades of above named peak, the case was sent to the special examination division for investigation as to the truth of the charges made. The special examination. ade. The special examiner, notwithstand-og Mr. Cohen's intement to the contrary, rved the customary two days notice upon he pensioner, who waived the right to be

represented by an attorney, and his request, over his signature, "that the examination might begin at once." is now on file in the The letters from the comrades of the G. A-Il. stated that pensioner had served in organistiess other than the one in which he allegs to have contracted the disability for which he to have contracted the disability for which he is pensioned, and, following upthis clue, the records of the War Department were searched and the following facts disclored: "John K. Laid. enlisted Mar. 5, 1817, in battery B. 4th. U. S. artillery war with Mexico). The rolls for September and October, 1817, report him present in confinement (at Buena Vista, Mexico); for November and December, 1817, present to the form January to Jane 1818, present in sick; from January to June, 1848, present in confinement (Ruena Vista, Mexico), and for September and Oxfober, 1848, deserted at For Erown, Texas—a private—no record of appre-

So much for ervice in the Mexican war. "Jan. 18, 1862, he enlisted in company C 8th New York volunteers, and was discharged April 18, 1867 on surgeon's certificate of dis-ability" in which it is set forth by J. D. Knight abouty in which it is so forth by 3.D. A might surgeon of the dist Pennsylvania volunteers; A. F. Marsh, surgeon 4th Pennsylvania cavalry, and W. D. Stewart, brigade surgeon, and presi-dent of examining board, "that they have carefully examined the said John K. Ladd and nd him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier, because of rheumatism, which has existed for two years." During the three months that he was in the above service he was "unfit for duty for sixty (60) days," and

when the regiment left for the front he was eft in the hospital at Washington, D. C. our midst and have established characters as good and enterprising citizens. "Aug. 24, 1802, he enlisted in Company B, 92d New York volunteers. The rolls of the company for September and October, 1852, to In addition to the labors of tige commissioners, each is at work upon public enter-Dec. 31, 1862, report him present." Prisoners war records at the adjutant general's office show him captured at Swift Creek, N. C., Feb 17, 1863, or Newbern, N. C., Feb. 22, 1863. Con prises that will do much to build up and extend the fame of our capital city. Certainly it is not the wish of our solid citizens ped at Eichmond, Va., Feb. 25, 1865; paroled as Chy Point, Va., March 18, 1863; reported at Camp Parole, Md., March 21, 1863. No further information on said records. Rolls for March that such men should be displaced because, In one important matter, they have been judged to err. and April, May and June, 1863, report him It would rather be generous and best to

absent slok at Hermon, N. Y., since April 11, 1862. He was discharged at Albany, N. Y., Aug. 20, 1863, on surgeon's cerdo as the old hunters of Kentucky did with Henry Clay-when his rifle missed fire they tificate of disability, in which it is set forth be Mason F. Cogswell, depot surgeon, that he has carefully examined said John K. Ladd and gave him a chance to pick the flint and try it again. found him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier, because of the result of chronic rhounatism and dysentery—faculties impaired, So on this occasion the NATIONAL REPUB LICAN but expresses the general sentiment arms rendered almost useless from effects of that the President should give them further

dition, with, I think, organic disease

D, 64th New York volunteers, as a sub

pital: March 25, 1865, mustered out a private

on detachment muster out roll; June 27, 1865 at Emory U. S. A. general bospital, Washing

ton, D. C., in compliance with telegram A. e

O., May 3, 1865-also borne on rolls as John K

In examination held before Special Exami-ner Bostlek, Ladd samits having suffered from rheumatism prior to his first enlistment in the

war of the rebellion, and that during his var-

ious terms of service he was in hospital for treatment of same. These statements are made

in the face of the fact that in his original dee-

haration he claims pension for rheumatism contracted while in company D. New York volunteers—his fourth enlistment. In view of

these facts, which are matters of official record

On the 18th of November, 1886, all the paper

Before closing permit me to add a few words in regard to the special examiner. Comrade J. H. Bostick, to whom the case was referred for

investigation. He is said to have behaved in

"rude and ungentlemanly manner." Com

rade Bestlek was a private in the service, lost an arm at Vicksburg, and has nover known a day free from suffering since that time. In

size the description given as the north pole is to the south; he is a generous, noble-hearted men; a member of Kit Carson Post, 2, Depart-

ment of Potomac, and held in highest esteem

HERTON NATIONAL REPUBLICAN; I would respectfully ask the editor of the REPUBLICAN,

who is a fair man, as well as a gentleman, why he, in common with the New York Tribune and other Republican papers, should habit-

ually single Fension Commissioner Black out as the object of partisan abuse. Why, pray,

should this gallant soldier and estimable man

be referred to in the REPUBLICAN this morning as "John C. Black, or otherwise called the physical wreck". This naturally suggests

mapper and character he is as directly opp

in the case were again sent to the Interior De

o, 1856, was adhered to.

official language;

Ladd

rheumatism, and legs much weakened; health, strength, and constitution much impaired; completely broken down; in my opinion will trial. never be able to perform the duties of a solthe selection of such a person for the chief dier; not fit for duty in the luvalid Corps; not entitled to pension." Ladd again attempts to entitled to pension." Ladd again attempts to entitled to pension." The medical "the folk of December, 1833." The medical records of the examining board of surgeons of police as is qualified by the first order of executive ability, experience, and honesty. This, and nothing short, will regain for them public confidence.

of the seventeenth congressional district of New York show that "he was rejected on account of chronic phrangitis." He then enlisted Dec. 29, 1863, in company C, EVEN the approach of Congress gives the President rheumatism in the knees. ilse for the future that more care shall | 14th New York heavy artillery, and was dicharged April 29, 1864, on certificate of dis-ability. Licut. Frans, first lieutenant com-manding company C, sets forth "that during the last two months said soldier has been unit Friend of Woman,

This title is often applied to Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., by happy wives and mothers who have been cured of distressing for duty forty-three days by reason of chronidisorders and relieved of pain and suffering by rheumatism," and L. Philips, the assistant sur-geon of said regiment, sets forth that he has carefully examined "the said John K. Ladd, and Mrs. Pinkham's Vegetabl: Compound. Mrs. L. H—— of Strother, S. C., says in a recent let-ter: "Your medicine has done me so much finds bim incapable of performing the duties of good that I don't think I can stop taking it una soldier because of chronic rheumatism. This til I am entirely well. I owe all my good feel-ings to you. The doctor can't get any credit man was discharged from service in August, 1863, on account of this disease, and re-enlisted or curing me, it is your medicine that has knowing that he was not able to perform the done me more good than anything I have ever duties of a soldier. He is in an anaemic co taken." A dressmaker in Findlay, Ohio, says:
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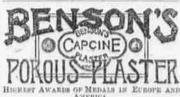
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the south so much, be at least equally generous? In heaven's name, Mr. Editor, let us be fair and look at these matters from a pracil-

cal and common sense standpoint, and don't,

Now, having taken all the luggage on

board the ship, we raise our hat to the gen-

The District Commissioners.

criticises the commissioners of the District

of Columbia in strong terms, and plainly

Intimates that an immediate change is neces-

sary to secure good government for the Na-

The NATIONAL REPUBLICAN has but

voiced the public sentiment in its comments

upon the decision and report of the com-

missioners in the Walker-Arnold case, and

pointed out to the officers of the law their

Whenever conspicuous bad judgment ap

pears in the acts of officials it is not only

proper, but the duty of the press and the

people to condemn it. Because this right

is exercised, it is not fair to assume our

citizens desire that officers who may be

censured in one case, officers who personally

deserve the respect and confidence of the

community as men of high character, should

be removed. Messrs. Webb and Wheatley

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The Washington correspondent of the

eral and cordially bid him bon royage.

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(Signed) MISS A. S.

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